to increase the authorized share capital of the Central Warehouse corporation to Rs. 15 crores?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Trilateral co-operation between China, India and Russia

1224. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
DR. KARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Russian Government proposed a trilateral cooperation between China, India and Russia to counter the increasing influence of the United States in the Asian sub-continent;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Chinese Government has rejected the proposal and if so, on what grounds; and

(d) whether Government would take immediate steps to strengthen and improve bilateral relations with all superpowers in the interest of peace and security in the sub-continent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Government continues to take steps to further consolidate its relations with the major powers and other friends and partners.

Dawood Ibrahim's base in Nepal

1225. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Dawood Ibrahim, the Mumbai don has developed significant base in Nepal;

(b) if so, whether the said Mumbai don is meeting with ISI officials there and chalking out strategy to create terrorism in India;

(c) if so, the details of the intelligence reports in this regard; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to smack the plans of the Mumbai don and ISI in Nepal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) GOI has no information to suggest that Dawood Ibrahim has visited Nepal in the recent past and met ISI officials stationed there.

(d) Government of India has taken up this matter along with issues relating to ISI activities in Nepalese territory with the Government of Nepal. The Governments of India and Nepal have agreed that they would not allow their territory to be used for activities inimical to the interests of either country. Measures have been taken to enhance co-operation with Nepal, particularly with regard to implementing effective border management. A bilateral institutional mechanism has also been evolved which includes a Joint Working Group on Border Management and Home Secretary Level Talks to jointly address issues relating to maintenance of peace and security and prevention of criminal activities in the India-Nepal border areas. Regular dialogue of customs officials also takes place under the Agreement for Cooperation to control Unauthorised Trade. The Special Service Bureau is being deployed along the border with Nepal to strengthen security in the border areas.

Setting up of District Passport Offices

1226. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued necessary orders for setting up of District Passport Offices in the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of such offices to be set up and by when;

(c) how long it would take to issue a Passport to an applicant; and